

# REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995.  
See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

Application Number	09/836,514
Filing Date	17 April 2001
First Named Inventor	Karl K. Rink et al.
Group Art Unit	1751
Examiner Name	J.R. Hardee
Attorney Docket Number	AAI-14052

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

**NOTE:** 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53 (d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

## 1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

a. ☐ Previously submitted

i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_  
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).

ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_

iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

b. ☒ Enclosed

i. ☒ Amendment/Reply

ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declarations

iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

iv. ☒ Other FORM PTO-1083 in duplicate

## 2. Miscellaneous

a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)

b. ☐ Other:

## 3. Fees

The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 19-3550

i. ☐ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 (e) 11/06/2003 BABRAHA1 00000045 09836514

ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. § 1.136 and 1.17) 01 FC:1801 770.00 OP

iii. ☒ Other any deficiency in the enclosed fee 02 FC:1201 86.00 OP

b. ☒ Check in the amount of \$ 770.00 enclosed

c. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

## SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED

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In re application of: Karl K. Rink et al.

Serial No.: 09/836,514

Filed: 17 April 2001

For: AIRBAG INFLATION GAS GENERATION

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
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Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

- ☐ Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.
- ☐ A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.
- ☐ No additional fee is required.

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- ☒ Any filing fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 for the presentation of extra claims.
- ☐ Any patent application processing fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.17

Respectfully submitted,

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